

REMARKS

Claims 19 and 21-27 are pending. Claims 19 and 21-27 were indicated as being allowable. Also, claim 19 stands rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection is overcome. Therefore, following entry of the present response, claims 19 and 21-27 will be in allowable form.

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. More specifically, the office action suggests that in claim 19 the following feature is not clear: “. . . an editor to manipulate the checked-out database item, the first program compares the version of the database item in the source code control system with the version of the database item in the database and the editor manipulates the database item as a function of the comparison.” (*Office Action dated January 21, 2005* at p. 2).

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Colbert for conducting a telephonic interview with applicant's representative. The interview was helpful in facilitating and progressing the prosecution of the present application. In particular, applicant's representative and Examiner Colbert discussed and came to resolution of the 35 USC § 112 rejection of claim 19. The resolution is reflected in the amendment to claim 19. The amendment is for clarity only and does not relate to issues of patentability.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 19 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.

Finally, applicant notes that during prosecution of the present application, U.S. Patent No. 4,809,170 to Leblang *et al.* (“Leblang”) has been cited by the Examiner as prior art.

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However, Leblang has not yet been included on Examiner's form PTO-892. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that Leblang be cited as prior art on a form PTO-892.

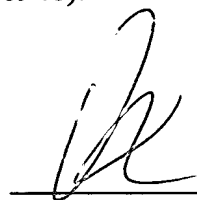
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner cannot allow the present application for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' attorney Vincent J. Roccia at (215-564-8946).

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